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FOR NEA/ARN DRAPER FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MILI, LE
SUBJ: LEBANESE ARMY REQUEST FOR 10,000 M-16'S

REF: STATE 189470

1. I SUGGEST ENGINE SPEED ON THIS ONE BE FULL-STOP, NOT SLOW.
2. I SIMPLY SEE NO JUSTIFICATION FOR GIVING THE LEBANESE ARMY 10,000 M-16 RIFLES AT THIS JUNCTURE. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE ARMY NOW HAS ALL THE SMALL ARMS IT CAN EFFECTIVELY USE.
3. THE HADATH FIGHTING HAS THREATENED THE REMAINING COHESIVENESS NOT ONLY OF THE ARMY, BUT THE ENTIRE STATE. A SHIPMENT AT THIS TIME WOULD BE WIDELY INTERPRETED AS SUPPORT TO THE CHRISTIAN MILITIAS, GIVEN ACCUSATIONS BY LEBANESE MUSLIMS, SYRIANS, AND PALESTINIAN THAT MARONITES DOMINATE THE ARMY. AT THE MOMENT AT LEAST, AT BEST THESE RIFLES WOULD SIT IN STORAGE. AT WORST, THEY WOULD FIND THEIR WAY INTO THE HANDS OF VARIOUS MILITIA GROUPS. PARKER

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